



# RESULTS Policy Forum

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*Welcome!*

# Our Values

The logo for RESULTS, featuring the word "results" in white lowercase letters inside a red speech bubble shape.

At RESULTS we pledge to create space for all voices, including those of us who are currently experiencing poverty. We will address oppressive behavior in our interactions, families, communities, work, and world. Our strength is rooted in our diversity of experiences, not in our assumptions.

With unearned privilege comes the responsibility to act so the burden to educate and change doesn't fall solely on those experiencing oppression. When we miss the mark on our values, we will acknowledge our mistake, seek forgiveness, learn, and work together as a community to pursue equity.

**Read our full anti-oppression values statement here at [results.org/values](https://results.org/values).**



**results**

**Reconciliation vs. Appropriations  
vs. Rescissions... Eeek!**



**confused?  
you are so  
not alone.**

But before we get to that... two more  
(needlessly long and slightly-inaccurate) terms:

# Government spending

## **“Mandatory” vs. “Discretionary”**

# Government spending

**Mandatory:** Automatic, based on the law.

**Discretionary:** Set every year.

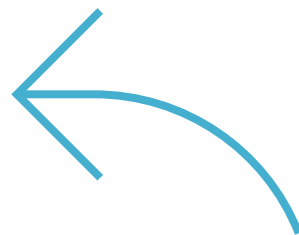
The processes we're talking about tonight affect both (in different ways).

# Reconciliation

changes tax & spending **rules** (long-term)

# Appropriations

sets **spending** for next year



## Rescissions

reverses these decisions, one-by-one

# An example.

If the U.S. government was a **household...**



# Household “reconciliation”

- Get a new job
- Take out a 5-year car loan
- Sign a new lease

**Long-term choices about money (and life!)**  
I can change them eventually – but it’s not easy.

# Reconciliation:

- Change how Medicaid works
- Limit who can get SNAP
- Cut certain taxes

**Long-term choices about money (and government!)**

We can change them eventually – but it's not easy.

## Household “appropriations”

- Clothes
- Groceries
- Lunch money for my kid

**My spending plan for the year.**

## **Appropriations:**

- TB programs
- Contribution to the Global Fund
- Housing choice vouchers

**Government spending plan for the year.**

## Household “rescissions”

My kid’s school decides not to feed him one day, and sends him home with his lunch money – but hungry.

# Rescissions:

Line-by-line cut to education, global health, or any other funding line the White House targets.

**Random take-backs, with or without a plan.**

for reference:

# the gory details

## **Reconciliation** (rules & policies)

- WHEN: Max 1 per fiscal year
- WHO: Simple majority vote
- WHAT: “Mandatory spending”, Esoteric rules

## **Appropriations** (spending)

- WHEN: Annual process
- WHO: 60 votes (ie bipartisan)
- WHAT: “Discretionary” annual spending

## **Rescissions** (cuts)

- WHEN: Rare (from the White House)
- WHO: Simple majority vote
- WHAT: One-by-one reversing appropriations

for reference:

# where are we now?

## **Reconciliation** (rules & policies)

- For this fiscal year, done.
- For next fiscal year, as soon as the fall, or as late as never!

## **Appropriations** (spending)

- House committee passed their bill, now onto the Senate
- Likely a short-term funding patch by 9/30 (“continuing resolution”).
- House and Senate will need to keep negotiating.

## **Rescissions** (cuts)













- Recent package is done.
- A different package could be sent by White House any time, or never!





**results**

**For reference**

	President's budget	House bill
Maternal and Child Health	 90% cut	 Restored
Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance	 \$0	 Restored
Nutrition	 \$0	 Increased
Tuberculosis	 50% cut	 Restored
Global Fund to Fight AIDS, TB & Malaria	 50% cut	 Restored
Global Partnership for Education	 \$0	 Restored

Account	FY25 Enacted	FY26 President's budget request	FY26 House	Change from President's budget
Maternal and Child Health	\$915 million	\$85 million	<b>\$915 million</b>	+ \$830 million
Of which, Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance	\$300 million	\$0	<b>\$300 million</b>	+ \$300 million
Nutrition	\$165 million	\$0	<b>172.5 million</b>	+ \$172.5 million
Tuberculosis	\$394.5 million	\$178.9 million	<b>\$394.5 million</b>	+ \$215.6 million
Global Fund	\$1.65 billion	\$800 million	<b>\$1.5 billion</b>	+700 million
Basic Education	\$922 million	\$0	<b>\$737.6 million</b>	+737.6 million
Of which, Global Partnership for Education	\$121.6 million	\$0	<b>\$121.6 million</b>	+\$121.6 million

